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SUBJECT: RCD FONMINS MEETING, IZMIR, APRIL 19-20

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1. RCD FONMIN MEETING ENDED AS SCHEDULED AFTERNOON OF APRIL 20. IN LIEU OF EXPECTED JOINT FONMINS MEETING WITH PRESS, TURKISH FONOFF SPOKESMAN READ BRIEF STATEMENT INDICATING FONMIN'S MEETING HAD PREPARED "IN ATMOSPHERE OF COMPLETE UNDERSTANDING" MATTERS FOR DECISION AT RCD SUMMIT LEVEL CONCERNED WITH "IMPROVEMENT OF INTRA-REGIONAL COOPERATION, AND BRINGING THE LEVEL OF SOCIAL, CULTURAL AND TOURISTIC EXCHANGES TO THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE LEVEL AMONG THE THREE FRIENDLY AND BROTHERLY COUNTRIES."

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SPOKESMAN FENDED OFF ALL QUESTIONS, INCLUDING PROSPECTS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF RCD INDUSTRIAL INVESTMENT BANK AND A FREE TRADE ZONE, WHICH HAVE BEEN PRINCIPAL TOPICS OF PRESS SPECULATION.

2. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS APRIL 20 INTERVIEW BY TURKISH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL WITH ANATOLIAN PRESS AGENCY WHEREIN CAGLAYANGIL BRIEFLY CITED RCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 1964 IN FIELDS OF COMMUNICATIONS, TRANSPORTATION, STUDENT AND SPECIALIST EXCHANGES AND IN "CERTAIN JOINT ECONOMIC PROJECTS". HE REPORTEDLY SAID

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THAT "DESPITE ALL THESE EFFORTS, WE CANNOT SAY THAT OUR HOPES

FOR RCD HAVE BEEN REALIZED", BUT VOICED HOPE THAT CURRENT RCD SUMMIT WOULD TAKE "CERTAIN POSITIVE STEPS TO PROMOTE COOPERATION BETWEEN THE THREE COUNTRIES". HE STATED HIS "STRONG CONVICTION THAT THIS SUMMIT WILL STRENGTHEN THE FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES".

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